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SONG TO REALITY

Mari Matteis

Poetry

It would be a lie to pretend
I am one of those pale daughters of convention
 waiting atop my tower
 in purity and beauty and love
 for you to awaken my womanhood.

I fell long ago.
I was deflowered by pain
 besmirched by failure
 and all that I knew to be true
 yielded one morning-after to despair.

No treasure for my hand.
I cannot offer you the realm
 the other girl in the story can.
But having no kingdom,
 perhaps I need you more.

Stay. I'll not betray your secret.
My captive's eyes have seen through
 your shining armor of gold.
I'm not disappointed
 at finding no more than a man inside.
